

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2005, the United Nations released the Report of the International Commission of Inquiry on Darfur to the United Nations Secretary-General, which found that war crimes and crimes against humanity had been perpetrated in the Darfur region of Sudan; and

WHEREAS, the Report of the International Commission of Inquiry established that Sudanese government forces and the Janjaweed militia are responsible for systematic and widespread killing, torture, rape, pillaging, and forced displacement through Darfur and that these acts result in 10,000 deaths every month; and

WHEREAS, President Bush, former Secretary of State Powell, and the United States Congress have declared the attacks to be genocide, a crime against humanity; and

WHEREAS, 136 nations, including the United States, condemn and seek to prevent and punish the crimes of genocide as signatories to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity; and

WHEREAS, the continuing atrocities in Darfur cry out for an aggressive international response to provide protection for 2 million internally displaced Sudanese, to expand humanitarian relief efforts without delay, and to establish political negotiations to end these atrocities; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the St. Louis Save Darfur Coalition is to mobilize and educate a broad group of religious, human rights, campus, and civic organizations in the St. Louis region on the genocide in the Darfur region of the Sudan and to stimulate advocacy efforts on behalf of the people of Darfur:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby condemn the ongoing genocide in Darfur, Sudan and acknowledge the leadership of the President of the United States and the United States Congress in recognizing and taking initial steps to address the ongoing genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and also acknowledge the contribution of the African Union, including its critical peacekeeping mission in Darfur and its role in facilitating the Abuja peace talks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, call upon the President of the United States and the United States Department of State to work within the United Nations Security Council to expand the mandate of and increase aid and logistical support to the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) for the purpose of better protecting civilians in Darfur and to increase the force size and mobility of AMIS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, call upon the President of the United States and the United States Department of State to increase their engagement in the ongoing Darfur peace process in order to facilitate the creation of a viable political framework for a lasting peace in Darfur and to work within the United Nations Security Council, as well as with the African Union, to encourage an immediate transfer of primary peacekeeping duties from the current African Union Mission in Sudan to a larger United Nations peacekeeping force with adequate resources and a clear mandate to protect civilians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, call upon the Missouri congressional delegation to support U.S. funding for peacekeeping and humanitarian aid in Sudan with the emergency FY 2006 supplemental appropriations bill at a minimum of the \$564 million figure arrived at through an initial request of \$514 million by the President and subsequent \$50 million in amendments passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, and further to support adequate long-term FY 2007 funding for peacekeeping and humanitarian aid in Darfur; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and for each member of the Missouri congressional delegation.

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